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TENNESSEE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	January 1983				December 1983				Preliminary January 1984			
	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
U. S.	109,779,000	97,262,000	12,517,000	11.4	111,795,000	102,803,000	9,992,000	8.0	111,025,000	101,270,000	9,755,000	8.8
TENNESSEE	2,114,800	1,829,900	294,900	13.9	2,178,000	1,973,400	204,600	9.4	2,200,100	1,956,600	243,500	11.1
SMSA AREAS:												
CHATTANOOGA	196,300	174,700	21,600	11.0	198,500	180,900	17,600	8.9	199,500	180,100	19,400	9.7
KNOXVILLE	230,700	204,100	26,600	11.5	239,200	216,800	22,400	9.4	235,600	212,000	23,600	10.0
MEMPHIS	397,500	354,900	42,600	10.7	408,800	373,000	35,800	8.8	412,800	373,900	38,900	9.4
NASHVILLE	433,300	390,100	43,200	10.0	453,500	420,100	33,400	7.4	451,100	418,000	33,100	7.3
TRI-CITIES	187,200	162,400	24,800	13.2	195,700	177,000	18,700	9.6	207,400	186,100	21,300	10.3

Unemployment Rate Increases Significantly

Tennessee's unemployment rate increased from 9.4 percent to 11.1 percent in January. Employment decreased slightly and unemployment increased by 38,900 in January. Tennessee's rate was 2.3 percentage points higher than the United States rate of 8.8 percent.

Nonagricultural employment decreased 19,800. Decreases occurred in nonmanufacturing as well as manufacturing. Apparel (-1,800 or 2.7%) and Paper (-1,100 or 6.9%) experienced the largest decreases in manufacturing. Significant decreases in nonmanufacturirg occurred in Mining (-1,400 or 16.9%), Constuction (-3,200 or 4.3 %), Transportation, Communication and Public Utilities (-1,000 or 1.2 %), Trade (-13,300 or 3.3 %) and Services (-4,200 or 1.3 %).

In 13 counties the unemployment rate was over 20 percent while 6 counties were at 8 percent or less. Nashville SMSA recorded the lowest SMSA unemployment rate. Williamson County had the lowest county rate of 5.7 percent and Cocke County reported the highest rate of 32.6 percent.

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